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THEIR ROADS AND OURS

From Roanoke Times

"Already the condition of North Carolina's roads, primary and secondary, has been the cause of prolonged school closings and a comment by the president of the State Press Association that they do not compare with Virginia's modern ones." So said the Raleigh News and Observer the other day, causing the Lynchburg News to comment: "Remember the time when North Carolina's highways were held up as examples and Virginia was asked to follow North Carolina's bond issuing plan for building roads!"

Yes, a good many of us remember well the time to which our Lynchburg contemporary has alluded. North Carolina, at the time in question, had it all over Virginia when it came to roads. The North Carolina highways were the cause of wistful admiration to all Virginians traversing them and the inferiority of our roads as compared to those of North Carolina to the south and Maryland to the north of us, was the subject of much editorial comment.

Well, times have changed—and so have Virginia's highways. Though those of North Carolina are pretty much what they were in the old days, a little worse, perhaps, for wear and tear. The late Henry Shirley, backed by an aroused public sentiment, gave us the system of modern highways over which Virginians now ride comfortably around their state. And under Mr. Shirley's successor, the capable General Anderson, the fine work begun by Mr. Shirley has been continued admirably and to the complete satisfaction of the people of Virginia.

As far as we know, North Carolina is still struggling to pay off the bonds with which its highways were financed a quarter of a century ago— our roads today are far better and there are no bonds to be paid off, thanks to the pay-as-you-go plan under which they have been built.

CALIFORNIA'S GOLD

From New York Times

As California is observing this year the centenary of the discovery of gold in that state, it is interesting to recall that it was a New Jersey man who touched off the gold rush to the West a century ago. The man was James W. Marshall, a wheelwright, who was building a millrace in the little village of Colonia, about fifty miles west of Sacramento. On Jan. 24, 1848, he picked up by chance a piece of yellow metal that was lying in the millrace. Not long after that the stampede was on, being delayed only temporarily by the owner of the millrace.

The miller was John Augustus Sutter, who had gone to California ten years earlier and received 49,000 acres of land from the Mexican government, which then owned the territory, on the promise he would make it a strong outpost. Sutter really did cultivate the land and put up workshops and factories. He had many employees and through the years had become wealthy. He didn't need gold and hadn't been looking for it; and, as it turned out, he probably wished he had never heard of it or seen a piece of it.

When the nugget was found on Sutter's property, therefore, he was little interested in it and sought to keep the discovery a secret lest his land be overrun by seekers of quick wealth. That, of course, was impossible, and when the word got around soon afterwards, the hordes came just as he had feared they would. In the end, Sutter lost his property when a court took away his title to it, and Congress was considering his application for reimbursement when he died a bankrupt in 1880.

Now, while California observes the anniversary of the discovery of gold in its sunny hills, the yellow metal long ago ceased to be a major factor among the Golden State's industries.

THE ECONOMY OF HEALTH

From Pittsylvania Tribune

When we speak of economy, we are generally thinking of getting the most for our money and effort. Of course we cannot estimate the value of health in dollars; because there is so much more to it, than the possession of money or the things that money will buy.

In talking with a friend a few mornings ago, we said, "It is a great thing to be well." He replied "it is half the battle." Really it is much more than half the battle; because a healthy person is far more than twice as happy as a sick one, far more than twice as agreeable to live with, can do far more than twice as much work and can do it far more than twice as well.

We value health so highly that no one could have enough money to pay us to be sick for one year. Yet, strange to say, many of us, as long as we are well, will continue to do things that not only impair our health; but endanger the health of those about us.

Keeping healthy is not only very important for the individual; but it is a national necessity. If we are to survive as a leading world power. That is why we are asked to give to research work, to find cures for cancer, tuberculosis, polio and other killing deseases, and why the county, state and national governments are constantly giving out information as to how to keep well.

League of Women Voters opposes Tuck's ballot proposals.

Virginia Supreme Court dismisses Jim Crow case.

Supervisors in Halifax County refuse funds for school consolidation program.

Jonah's Whale

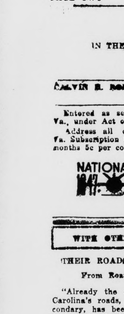
Jonah's famous adventure with a whale actually has happened, and in recent times. In 1881 a British seaman named Bartley disappeared when a whaling boat was attacked by a large sperm whale. Shortly after the accident the whale was captured and killed, and when the animal's stomach was opened, more than 24 hours later, Bartley's body was found inside. He was unconscious but still alive. The seaman suffered severely from shock, but recovered later and resumed his duties. He said he was quite conscious during the early stages of his gruesome ordeal, and he carried the marks of it to his grave. His face, neck and hands were permanently bleached and wrinkled by the action of the whale's gastric juices. Details of this amazing adventure were vouched for by the French scientist, De Parville, who published a full account of it in the "Journal des Debats" in 1914.

Wool in Early Times

With the coming of the crusades in the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries, people began to move about. Noblemen demanded more showy clothes. Weavers banded together in the towns to make more wool cloth on their hand looms. The textile industries of Roman times reappeared in Italy. New ones appeared in Flanders. Fine wool cloth from Flanders was wanted all over Europe. Merchants sold this cloth at fairs from England to Russia. So large were these early industries that local farmers could not raise enough wool to supply the looms. Wool therefore was bought in other countries. As a result, wool production was increased, particularly in Spain and in the British Isles. Land-owners increased their flocks and sheep growers became prosperous, according to "Wool in the World."

Sex and Cancer

Recent chemical research indicates the existence of a relationship between sex and cancer, according to Dr. William Pearlman of Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia. Such common body chemicals as sex hormones and bile acids have been changed in the laboratory into cancer-causing chemicals, Dr. Pearlman says, and although it has yet to be determined whether this kind of transformation can occur in a living body, many scientists believe that cancer may arise spontaneously because of biochemical accidents involving sex hormones and similar compounds.



THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-39.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 67.

The Personal Witness

Lesson for March 7, 1948

DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER, described by Hermann Hagedorn as "Prophet in the Wilderness," is a living example of what Sunday's lesson is undertaking to portray, namely, living for Jesus where you are. Schweitzer, at 72, is described by Hagedorn as one who "burns like Francis of Assisi, and looks like Josef Stalin." But to the people of Equatorial Africa, he looks and acts like our Saviour Jesus did.

Dr. Newton

The lesson passage is found in Acts 8:26-39, and is the story of Philip, leaving his very successful evangelistic campaign in Samaria to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit into the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. There he found a man in search of God, and through his witness the man was saved.

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THE STORY OF JESUS

THIS man was not of Philip's race. He was an Ethiopian. But he was a man. And God loves every man of every race and of every condition of life. Jesus never did meet an unimportant person, nor will any true follower of his. Jesus said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so send I you," John 20:21.

This man was reading in the Book of Isaiah, where the prophet was foretelling how Jesus would suffer for the sins of the whole world. He could not understand the wonderful words. And the Spirit directed Philip to go and join himself to the eunuch. Philip ran to the chariot in which the man was rode, asking, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" He was quick to give his witness. That is the first lesson of the lesson.

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AND THE MAN LISTENED

WHEN we faithfully obey the Holy Spirit, he enables us to effectively witness for Jesus. We cannot be effective witnesses if we rely upon our own wisdom and our own judgment. The boy in your street who does not know Jesus will listen to your story if you go in the same glad obedience to the command of the Spirit of God as did Philip.

A lad told me this story. He had a neighbor who had never been to Sunday school, and he wanted to enlist this friend. He thought about it seriously. But he was not quite sure of himself. And then he prayed, asking God to direct him. The next day the boy asked him, "What are you doing Sunday morning?" With this opening the lad invited his neighbor to come along with him, and the result was that the little neighbor, of another race, accepted Christ as his Saviour and is today a regular attendant at church and Sunday school.

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TO WHOM SHALL WE WITNESS?

THE question now emerges To whom shall we bear this witness? We cannot all go as missionaries, as did Dr. Schweitzer. Most of us must remain at home and carry on the work of our everyday pursuits of life.

But every Christian can witness. First, to those immediately about us. In every community in our beloved country are people who do not know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We can witness to them, not to all of them, but to some of them, perhaps to one of them. And I would remind you that if you miss that particular person to whom you may be directed by the Holy Spirit, he or she may never know about the Saviour's love.

Second, we can share in the sending of the missionaries to earth's remotest bounds, through our gifts. I delight to think that I am in partnership with many great men and women on foreign fields, through my gifts and through my prayers.

Third, we can witness through personal correspondence with people in other lands. The present far-reaching media of relief for stricken peoples of the world affords a wonderful opportunity for this very witness. Ask your pastor for the name of some person your age in one of the lands to which your church is sending relief, and write that person a letter, telling of your joy in serving God.

The eunuch went on his way rejoicing. Why? Because Philip had taught him the way of salvation. He had been used as an effective witness in leading a man of another race to experience the peace that passeth all understanding.

And Jesus is saying to us today, "So send I you."

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Sportsman's Game Refuge Pays Off Debt for Hunting

If the geese which feed along the east shore of Lake Mattamuskeet near Behaven, N. C., ever gabble with the geese feeding on the Circle Crove farm, there must be among them some violent disputations as to the character of Fred Latham.

Latham, a successful farmer, is both a veteran sportsman and conservationist. On his private shooting ground on Mattamuskeet he has had a lifetime of good sport, and is known as an excellent shot. But a few miles away, on his 1,300-acre plantation, he feeds, counts and bands thousands of the big honkers, and no gunman is allowed to invade the property.

Latham's interest in the winged visitors from the North has extended over a lifetime, but for the past 13 years he has been such a kindly host (on the Circle Grove side, that is) that several thousand birds regularly flock to his fields to eat the soybeans, corn and other grain left in the fields, which they probably find as tasty as the three-edge goose sedge. When there isn't enough left, Latham plants a 20-acre plot in oats especially for them. He figures his many years of sport has given him somewhat a debt to the feathered tribe, and that is his way of paying off.

The geese which invade farm fields around here in such multitudes, took up the habit in 1931, when the late August Herksher, owner of the vast plantation created on the bottom of drained Lake Mattamuskeet, planted much of the acreage to soybeans. Latham was manager of the enterprise then.

New Uranium Discoveries Show Wide Distribution

The world is expanding its known sources of uranium, vital mineral of the Atomic Age.

Both newly independent Burma and the Union of South Africa have announced the discovery of extensive uranium deposits. National Geographic society notes. These latest finds are further evidence that the atomic-energy ore is much more widely distributed around the globe than popularly believed.

Prospecting for uranium lodes is much simpler than searching for gold. The uranium can be detected easily by a scientific "divining rod." Radioactive by nature, the mineral literally broadcasts its whereabouts in the ground. Forty years ago Hans Geiger, a German scientist, invented the instrument which hunts out the hidden ore.

Best source of uranium is a mineral compound called pitchblende. It was mined at St. Joachimsthal in old Austria as early as 1517.

Saving Bread

If every one of the 140 million persons in this country would prevent the waste of just one slice of bread, almost nine million loaves of bread would be saved. At 15 cents a loaf, the money saving would be more than a million dollars. That was brought out recently by the home economics department at Cornell. A disgracefully large amount of bread is wasted, home economists insist, through leaving half a roll on a plate, messing up that extra half slice of bread, burning the toast or letting a loaf grow old and moldy. To prevent this waste, they advise: First, take only as much bread as you can eat—no more; second, keep bread in a ventilated box or wrapped in a moisture proof paper; third, salvage leftover pieces and use in poultry dressing, scalloped dishes, and desserts that call for bread crumbs.

'Benelux' Countries

In western Europe, the countries of Benelux (Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg) represent an aggregate population of nearly 20 million people. These people have set the first practical step toward unity in Europe through the conclusion of the Benelux agreements which ultimately will lead to cooperation on a uniform plan of the economies of their countries. Like the United States, the Benelux countries live under the capitalistic system of free enterprise. Labor and management have worked out a program of cooperation.

Protecting Painted Murals

Ordinarily, when paint starts to peel, due usually to moisture under the surface, it should be scraped off, the surface thoroughly dried and sealed, and refinished. In the case of mural paintings on walls, this could not be done without destroying the painting. One authority advises, as a help in preserving peeling murals, that the murals be coated with a synthetic resin varnish, to retard the peeling and lengthen the life of the mural, although there is no permanent remedy for such a condition.

One From Plutarch

Do you know the origin of the phrase: "Where the shoe pinches?" Plutarch tells the story of the ancient Roman being divorced from his wife. His friends were very angry with him and asked: "Isn't she beautiful? Isn't she virtuous?" The Roman took off his shoe and held it up for his friends to see, asking, "Isn't this new? Isn't it well made and handsome?" They all agreed that it was. "But," said the husband, "none of you can tell where the shoe pinches me."

Election in Korea will be held May 9.

Mississippi Democrats say might walk out of national convention.

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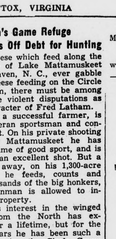

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Strange Storm Buffets Liner Crossing Ocean

Lack of Gales With Heavy Rain and High Seas Stumps Veteran.

NEW YORK. — Although wintry gales and pounding seas are not unusual in the North Atlantic, a freak storm which bewildered even veteran mariners was described by Commodore Harry Manning, master of the United States liner America, after his ship docked here 14 hours late on a voyage from Europe with 794 passengers.

Commodore Manning said he had encountered "ominous and ugly" seas during the America's six-day crossing.

At the peak of the storm the liner hit heavy swells that reached a height of 40 feet. Speed was reduced to 10 knots, less than half the normal cruising rate.

"I never encountered weather of this kind before," the master, a veteran of 35 years as a seafarer, declared, adding that although there was "no wind to speak of," there was a "violent movement of the entire area" in a northeasterly direction at a rate of about 40 knots.

Lasts 20 Hours.

"I couldn't puzzle it out," he continued. "It was most annoying. It lasted about 20 hours. The glass was falling all the time. It was raining pitchforks but the temperature was never low. It ranged between 45 and 50 degrees."

The heavy rain and the turbulent sea were "most depressing," Commodore Manning added. He estimated that the storm covered a circular area 300 to 600 miles in diameter. Because of the unusual nature of the disturbance, the commodore said he would write a special letter to the weather bureau about it. He pointed out that winds of about 25 knots normally would accompany sea swells of intensity.

Commodore Manning said his cruise had been on time if he had maintained cruising speed.

"I'm not interested in the schedule," he remarked. "I'm interested in the safe arrival of the passengers. I didn't push the ship."

The strange storm was encountered when the America reached a point off Nantucket, about 300 miles from New York.

Actor's Mother Dies.

Mrs. Mary Matthews, 69, of Nottingham, England, who boarded the America with her son, Lester Matthews, an English screen actor, died in her cabin of natural causes, according to Dr. John Sheedy, the ship's surgeon. Her body will be returned to England.

Ships en route to New York that were delayed by heavy weather included the Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary from Southampton with 1,419 passengers.

Another vessel affected by the storm was the United States army hospital ship Mercy, carrying patients from Bremerhaven. The army transport Thomas H. Barry from Bremerhaven was three days behind schedule.

Young Evangelist Preaches, Sings and Plays Accordion

LOS ANGELES. — Little Marjoe Gortner, three and one-half-year-old "preacher," is the talk of Los Angeles evangelist circles.

The curly-haired son of the Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Gortner, both Long Beach evangelists, made his pulpit debut at a local downtown meeting and since has given several sermons, followers say.

His average sermon lasts about 10 minutes. He also sings and accompanies himself on the accordion.

Marjoe's best sermon, say his backers, is "The Last Roundup," in which he wears cowboy dress and in a cowboy suit, and concludes with a short message on the general theme.

Czech nation promised election.

Final Tuck tax bill passed.

Few States Require Study Of Historic U. S. Document

Only eight states in the Union have laws that require instruction in the Declaration of Independence, according to the Christophers, who have made a survey and who propose that individual citizens urge their states to adopt laws requiring such instruction.

The Rev. Father James Keller of Maryknoll, founder of the Christophers, a nationwide movement to encourage individual effort in restoring Christian values to every phase of American life, said he had been informed by the United States office of education in Washington that the eight states having laws that require teaching of the Declaration of Independence are California, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

These, according to the office of education, "represent substantially all the states having statutory provisions on the subject," even though it may be given optional or incidental attention in civics, history or other social studies courses.

"It was my impression," Father Keller said, "that the Declaration of Independence was required teaching in practically all schools in every state of the Union. Inquiry among educators, newspaper men and students revealed that many of them did not know which states have laws specifically calling for instruction in the fundamental concept upon which our country was founded."

Clothing Specialists Reveal 'Tricks of Trade' in Sewing

There are "tricks to all trades," and a few short cuts may help with the housewife's sewing problems.

Having all sewing equipment together will save many steps. A machine, iron, ironing board, table space, storage space and a box for small sewing equipment are required.

Oiling the machine saves time and keeps the machine in good condition. An iron to press wrinkled pattegrs also is essential, say clothing specialists. Keep scissors, thread, needles, ruler and pins in one small box. A wrist pin cushion is convenient and easily made. Use cotton, wool or velvet, stuffed with wool or hair and sew to an elastic band.

Time saving equipment includes a tailor's chalk, hem gauge, bias cutter and cording foot. A basting brick makes hand work basic stitching. Make it by padding and covering a plain building brick and then pin the material to it.

Keeping scissors sharp is important. Put an emery board flat on the inside of the blade and go clear to the tip of the scissors with each stroke.

Sewing machine attachments such as seam guide and hemmers will save time.

Marauding Wild Elephants Cause Big Damage in India

NEW DELHI.—To various minor tribulations of Free India now are added problems of marauding wild elephants and the approaching extinction of the scaly anteater.

The anteater is a pet of farmers because it devours destructive white ants and does no harm.

Both of these odd varieties of natural history are occurring in agricultural areas of the United Provinces, according to newspaper reports from there.

Wild elephants, the slaughter of which has been banned for several years, have multiplied greatly.

They are doing so much damage to crops and fences and even attacking villages that the United Provinces government has issued special arms licenses for killing elephants and is planning to hire expert hunters.

Retired Minister Reads Complete Bible 50 Times

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—The Rev. Benjamin Beers, 71, has read the complete Bible 50 times and the New Testament 115 times. The retired minister of the United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God makes a practice of reading the Bible two or three times a day for a total of about two hours.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

How to Put Up with Women's Styles

When Will Dudley's misses finally gave in to the new-style longer skirts, Will was mighty critical at first. Allowed as how women were a slave to fashion ... ought to dress to please their husbands and not style designers.

Sue finally reminded Will of his habit of sitting by the radio Saturday afternoons in shirt sleeves and old slippers, listening to the sportcasts with a mellow glass of beer. Suggested that maybe Will was a slave to comfort.

And Will admitted she was right.

Perhaps the way somebody dresses isn't always to our taste—just as Will's glass of beer may be another person's cider.

But from where I sit, those little differences aren't important—unless we go out of our way to make them so, by being hypercritical. As Will says now: "Well, anyway, those long skirts hide a multitude of shins" ... and lets it go at that!

Joe Marsh

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Evergreen

Evergreen, March 2.- Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. LeGrande, Jr., who have been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. LeGrande, left Tuesday for California, where they will make their home.

Miss Hazel Paulette spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Phyllis and Jean LeGrande.

Evergreen, March 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell called to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrette Sunday.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson recently were R. B. Ferguson, of Baltimore, Md.; Junior Ferguson, of Williamsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shreves,